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The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

12:15 PM Depart

12:45-1:45 PM *Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: How Wide is the Gap?*
Lunch with Tal Becker
Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
-at Caffit Botanical Gardens

Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: How Wide is the Gap?

Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Dr. Tal Becker is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team. In this position, he is on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal and policy challenges. He is a veteran negotiator, and key behind the scenes representative, for Israel in a wide variety of contexts. During this session, he will address the prospects for peace in the current political climate. He will also discuss the complex challenges that have prevented a final status agreement thus far.

1:45 PM Depart

2:15-2:45 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part II:*
Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier

Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier

When Jerusalem was reunified in 1967, following 19 years of division, the State of Israel extended the city's boundaries to include the strategic hills surrounding Jerusalem. These hills served as launching pads between 1948 and 1967 for sniper and mortar attacks on Israeli parts of the city by the Jordanian Army. Since 1967, these hills have become vibrant neighborhoods, fully integrated into the fabric of Jerusalem. It is vital for those discussing the issue of Jerusalem to understand these neighborhoods' strategic importance and their relationship to the areas in the immediate vicinity.

3:00 PM Security Check

3:15-4:30 PM *Meetings with Members of Knesset*
The Honorable Nir Barkat, Likud
▪ The Honorable Yair Lapid, Blue & White Party
-at the Knesset

Meetings with Members of Knesset

Coming just months after new elections, participants will have the opportunity to meet with a member of the governing party in the coalition (Likud), and one of the opposition parties (Blue and White Party). The Honorable Nir Barkat and the Honorable Yair Lapid will offer their perspectives on the new Knesset, and their party's position on the major issues of the day.

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10:30 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

7:45 AM	Breakfast is served - at the hotel
8:00-9:00 AM	<i>U.S.-Israel Relations</i> Breakfast with Aryeh Lightstone

U.S.-Israel Relations

During each seminar, we invite Ambassador David Friedman or a member of his staff to address the group and share the Embassy's perspective on U.S.-Israel relations and the state of affairs in Israel.

9:15 AM	Depart for Yad Vashem
9:45-11:45 AM	<i>Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust</i> Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in

Start-Up Nation

Dinner with

- Dovie Meisel, United Hatzalah
- Cathy Sebag, Head of Products, Mobile ODT
- Dr. Yonatan Wexler, OrCam

**Moderated by Inbal Arieli, Tech Entrepreneur
- at Deca**

Start-Up Nation

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This evening's Start-Up Nation dinner will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

10:00 PM

Overnight at the Carlton Tel Aviv Hotel

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

7:00 AM	Breakfast on your own
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7:45 AM

Depart

8:15-9:45 AM

Save a Child's Heart

Meet with Dr. Hourri and Visit the Recovery Home -Wolfson Hospital

Save a Child's Heart

Save a Child's Heart (SACH) is an Israeli-based international, non-profit organization. SACH is committed to saving lives by improving the quality of cardiac care for children from developing countries and creating centers of medical competence in these countries. SACH Israel has saved the lives of over 3,700 children from 50 countries where adequate medical care is simply unavailable. Approximately 50% of these children are from the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Iraq and Morocco (countries with whom Israel has either no diplomatic relations or who are in a state of war with Israel). More than 30% are from Africa, and the remainder are from Asia, Eastern Europe and the Americas. These children are treated at the Wolfson Medical Center and housed at the Legacy Heritage Children's Home of Save a Child's Heart, both located in Holon.

9:45 AM

Depart

10:45 AM-12:45 PM *Israel's Southern Front*

- Visit Netiv Ha'asara and meet with local residents
 - Overlook into Gaza and Visit to Peace Wall
- at Netiv Ha'asara

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12:45 PM	Depart <i>Boxed Lunches en Route</i>
1:00-1:30 PM	<i>Israel's Missile Defense Systems</i> Visit to Iron Dome Battery

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) typically honors our request to visit an Iron Dome battery, the joint U.S.-Israel funded rocket defense program. The military typically approves any visit to an Iron Dome location the week before the trip due to the constantly shifting security situation on the ground. A visit to an Iron Dome battery includes meeting with the soldiers and the commanding officer. For security reasons, we do not receive the names of the IDF soldiers meeting with the group.

Israel's Missile Defense Systems

4:15-5:00 PM 360 Bird's Eye View of Israel
Briefing at the Azrieli Center Helipad

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5:00 PM	Depart for hotel
7:50 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00-9:45 PM	<i>Israelis from Different Walks of Life</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. Yasmeen Abu Fraiha Co-Founder and Executive Director, Genesis▪ Chen Arieli, Chairperson, Aguda-National LGBT Task Force▪ Rivka Ravitz, Chief of Staff to the President of Israel▪ Racheli Yaso Development Officer and Visitor Relations Director, Yemin Orde - at Lumina
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Carlton Tel Aviv Hotel

8:00 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel

Regional Strategic Threats

As the delegation leaves the Gaza border, and heads north to the borders with Lebanon and Syria, it is critical to understand the threats faced by Israel from these three areas, all Iranian proxies. The briefing will cover the unique situation at each border, as well as the malign activity from Iran contributing to unrest in the region.

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modern times, during World War I, for example, the British and Turkish forces fought a number of pitched battles in the valley. In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket" known for wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds. The Jezreel Valley is also home to historical and biblical sites including Tel Megiddo and Nazareth.

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A survey of this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court. These issues are not widely known and this segment gives trip participants the opportunity to understand Israel's relationship with its largest minority group.

Upper Galilee

The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel.

At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs. Best known among them is the Tefen Industrial area, home to numerous enterprises established by the region's residents – Jewish and Arab. In 2006, Upper Galilee's ISCAR Metal Working Company was purchased for \$5 billion by Warren Buffet's conglomerate holding company. Since then, a number of American investors have become partners in some of the region's hi-tech and bio-tech companies.

While time does not permit for sites visits, a drive through the region allows for expanding on the importance of the area in the context of the U.S.–Israel relationship.

4:00-5:00 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah*
Strategic Briefing on Israel's border with Lebanon
with Lt.Col. (res) Sarit Zehavi, Director, Alma Research Center
-at Mt. Adir

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah

Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi served 15 years in the IDF in Military Intelligence –first in the Research and Analysis Branch, and later in the Northern Command. During her military service she briefed hundreds of delegations, ranging from U.S. Senators, Congressmen and politicians to global military commanders, senior journalists and visiting VIP delegations. She is the founder/director of Alma, an educational research center focusing on the security issues of Israel's northern border. Zehavi has authored many position papers focusing on Lebanon, Syria and Israel's national security challenges, and continues to brief delegations on these topics. She

is the largest settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma'ale Adumim's boundary, into an area known as "E-1", the U.S. State Department stepped in and asked that no construction take place there. The issue needs to be examined with those discussing the future of Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

9:30-10:30 AM *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*
Guided survey of the National Archeological Park at Masada

Masada

Masada, which was excavated in the 1960s, is considered one of the most important archeological sites in Israel. Masada was the site of the last stand of the Jews in Israel after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple in 70 A.D. A group of Jewish zealots fled to the Judean Desert and lived in the former mountaintop fortress of King Herod known as Masada for two years resisting the onslaught of the most powerful army in the world. Determined to break the resistance, the Romans finally scaled the mountain to capture and enslave the Jewish rebels. However, when they finally arrived, they found that all the men, women and children had killed themselves as a last act of defiance. They refused to give in to the Romans and become their slaves.

The ancient story of Masada has important contemporary relevance for the modern State of Israel. "Masada shall never fall again" has become the watchword of the country which has faced existential threats since its founding in 1948. Israel's elite military units, for example, are sworn in on top of Masada in a symbolic act of defiance against Israel's contemporary enemies. These soldiers along with the thousands of Israeli school children who visit Masada each year learn the lesson that Israel should never become so weak again that it would ever face national suicide as an option.

We will spend approximately two hours atop of Masada with a professional guide. The time at Masada with the guide is focused on three areas: 1. touring the ancient excavations; 2. learning the narrative of Jewish resistance to the Romans backed by the archeological and historical evidence; 3. discussing the importance of the Masada story to the contemporary Middle East and the threats in the region.

11:30 AM–12:30 PM *Exploration of the Dead Sea Region*
- at Herods Hotel

Dead Sea Region

During our drive to and from the Dead Sea area, as well as during our visit to the Dead Sea, our tour guide will discuss a variety of issues integral to understanding the region, the country, and relations with both the Palestinians and Jordanians.

It is important to note that the region is mostly desert. For decades, Israel has been challenging this arid area and developing its agricultural potential. While the Middle East is suffering from water shortages, Israel, through modern technology and water conservation policies, including the recycling of over 80 percent of water used for domestic purposes and transferring it to agriculture, has literally "made the desert bloom." Some of this technology is already being

